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## MISSIONARY BIOGRAPHY.

From the London Evangelical Magazine.  
MEMOIR OF REV. EDWARD PRITCHETT,  
Late Missionary at Vizagapatam, East-Indies.

Mr. Pritchett was born at Birmingham in 1772. At an early period he was removed to London, where he served his apprenticeship; during which period his diligence, probity, and good temper, gained him the esteem and affection of the family. He was afterwards an assistant in the business of a respectable tradesman, who was so much pleased with his conduct, that he left him an executor and sole trustee of his property.

Mr. Pritchett was the subject of serious impressions, at various times, even from his childhood. By reading the *Pilgrim's Progress* at nine years of age, he was much affected; but what he met with in the description of the Valley of the Shadow of Death, and the whispering of blasphemies in the ears of the Pilgrim, proved a source of extreme alarm, and a fearful apprehension that he himself had complied with the suggestions of Satan, and had committed the sin against the Holy Ghost. From this distress, however, he was at length relieved by a sermon which he heard at church, in which the true nature of that sin was explained. Religious impressions and convictions of sin were renewed from time to time, and he took pains to sustain his conscience by the performance of duty; but all this while he "lived a Pharisee," and was ignorant of the righteousness of Christ as the only solid ground of a sinner's hope; and this Pharisaical spirit was fostered by the perusal of *The Whole Duty of Man*, so that he began to think there were few persons so religious as himself.

After the expiration of his apprenticeship, he was providentially led to reside in a family which made a profession of religion; and this probably, brought him under the ministry of Mr. Radford, by which his mind was gradually enlightened. He began to seek unto God in a manner very different from the former, not presuming to offer his own obedience as an equivalent for the divine favor, but coming to God as an unworthy sinner, thro' the blood and righteousness of Christ. His views on these subjects were much enlarged by reading Hervey's *Theron and Aspasia*, and by a sermon preached by the Rev. M. W. on the doctrine of justification. This important change took place in his 20th year.

Mr. P. having joined the church under the care of Mr. R. soon began to render himself useful; and Mr. Johnson having recently commenced a Sunday School in that neighborhood, and in which he felt the need of assistance, was introduced to Mr. Pritchett, who became his colleague and intimate friend; and there is reason to believe that Mr. Pritchett's assiduous labor in the school were rendered a blessing to many young persons. His zeal for the good of mankind was also displayed by his becoming one of the first and most active members of a humble association formed in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and which had the honor of being the first, in order of time, of all those numerous Auxiliaries by which that noble institution is now benefited.

It soon occurred to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wheeler (another intimate friend of Mr. Pritchett,) that he possessed qualifications remarkably suited to the office of a Christian Missionary. His zeal, his prudence, his perseverance, his disinterestedness, and his happy equanimity of temper, rendered him, in their apprehension, a fit person to offer himself to the London Missionary Society as a candidate. They therefore recommended this step to him; but such was the lowly opinion he entertained of himself, that he recollects at once from the proposal; nor could he, till after many serious conferences with his friends, and much prayer for divine guidance, be prevailed upon to offer his services to the Society. At length, however, he made an application in the usual manner to the Directors, was readily received, and sent to the Missionary Seminary at Gosport. This took place in the month of May 1806. At that time Mr. P. was engaged in business, together with his brother, and was in so prosperous a line that he had the fair prospect of acquiring considerable property; but he cheerfully relinquished his worldly pursuits, however promising, and devoted himself without reserve to the work of the Lord among the heathen.

Mr. Pritchett having pursued with diligence the usual course of studies at Gosport, was appointed, with Mr. Brain, to a mission in the Birman country (east of India.)

He and his colleague embarked for the East on the 4th of May 1809, and proceeded to the Cape of Good Hope, where he resided about four months, preaching with much zeal and affection to the soldiers, many of whom, there is reason to believe, were converted to God by his ministry. He then proceeded to Madras, where he arrived Feb. 4, 1810, and shortly after to Rangoon, a principal city in the Birman country, where he and Mr. Brain were kindly received by Messrs. Chater and Carey, the Baptist Missionaries there in that place. It was the intention of Mr. P. and his friend to go forward as soon as possible to the city of Ava, with a view to a permanent settlement; but it pleased God very shortly to remove Mr. P. by death, after a severe illness of only eight days. The distracted state of the country, in consequence of a war with the Siamese, prevented Mr. P. from going to Ava; and as Rangoon was already occupied by the Baptist brethren, and Mr. P. was earnestly entreated to assist the mission at Vizagapatam, Mr. Des Granges, he thought it his duty to remove; and accordingly, after a tedious detention at Calcutta, under circumstances at once difficult and distressing, he was enabled to join the brethren, Gordon and Lee.

Mr. Pritchett, in conjunction with the other brethren, P. continued faithfully to labor for more than three years. While detained at Calcutta he made great progress in the Teleng language, being assisted by the converted Brahmin, Anundaray. After residing for sometime at the station, he was enabled, like his colleagues, to go out into the surrounding villages, and to read and to explain to natives portions of the word of God, and sometimes to visit the idol temples and converse with Brahmins.

Mr. Pritchett entered into the conjugal state with a Miss Parkhouse, neice to the Rev. David of Calcutta, about October 1811, previous to his leaving that place for Vizagapatam. But it seemed to God to deprive him of his dear partner at an early period, for she expired in about two months after the birth of her first-born, on the 4th of December 1812. Mr. P. attended the sickness of his wife with affectionate assiduity, and a tender to his brother, relating the particulars of her illness and death, with his feelings on that awful occasion, do great honor to his sensibility and Christian temper. We shall transcribe a simple passage.—

You will suppose, that for many weeks past, we have been much hindered in my work, for my wife had none to attend upon her but myself. And he concluded that his religion was the best. He afterwards went to one of the French Colonies, and there certainly was more appearance of religion; but then they cursed and swore, and got drunk, and he concluded that his religion was the best; as in his own family (at least) he saw no drunkenness.

conversions do not take place in our times, and as the prejudices of the people in favor of their vanities are as strong as Satan can make them, and as the best means I shall be able to use even for years to come will be but feeble, it must be with no sanguine hopes of immediate success. Indeed it is with weeping we go forth, bearing the precious seed, wondering how it can abide and grow while such myriads of hungry fowls are waiting to devour it; but faithful is he that hath promised the golden sheaves of an abundant harvest to our Divine Master, and he will do it. Only let the Lord give to his people a spirit of earnest, persevering and unwearied supplication, that, whilst they pray, confident of being heard, they may wait with patient expectation, not accounting the Lord slack concerning his promise, nor his Missionaries slothful, because nothing appears to be done. I am going on with something like a translation of the Acts; but when I shall attain that knowledge of the language which will enable me to complete it properly, I know not."

In this modest manner did Mr. Pritchett estimate those talents which others could perceive were extraordinary, and which, after a few years of diligent study, rendered him such a proficient in the language, that his translation of the New Testament received the highest encomium of the best judges.

In the year 1818, having finished his version of the New Testament in the Teleng (or Teloigo) language, he offered it to the Committee of the "Calcutta Auxiliary Bible Society," by whose recommendation the four Gospels and the greater number of the Epistles were transmitted to Madras for examination; and having been inspected by Mr. Campbell, of that city, an eminent Teleng scholar, as well as by a learned Shastrao, attached to the college of Fort St. George, it was favorably reported of both, as a plain, intelligible version, adapted to general use. The Committee in consequence adopted Mr. Pritchett's translation, and ordered 2000 copies to be printed at Madras. Mr. P. then proceeded to that city, and continued there, superintending the press, till the whole was completed; and while this work was in hand, he translated a tract "On the Creation" into the same language; and also diligently the Old Testament, many parts of which he had previously translated.

Having accomplished the object of his visit to Madras, he returned with his family to the original station at Vizagapatam in March 1819, and proceeded with the translation and the revision of those parts which were translated, the completion of which was the grand object on which his heart was fixed.

While thus laudably engaged, it pleased God to put a period to his labors; for, on the 2d day of June 1820, he felt indisposed, and was in and out of his study frequently, complaining of the strong winds affecting him more than usually. On Sunday morning the 4th, he rose very unwell, and without being able to take any thing more than a cup of tea, went into the town to preach; but towards the latter part of the service, was obliged to conclude rather abruptly, and returned home very ill. About Tuesday he said to Mrs. P. "I have had some most pleasing thoughts this morning." She replied, "I wish it had been so with myself;" adding "that the cares of the family had occupied too much of her thoughts." He replied, "My dear, I hope the enemy will not be permitted to distress you; I have no doubt but I shall meet you in heaven."

They were both too ill to converse much. During the week, though in very great bodily pain, and burning with fever, he manifested the most patient resignation, praying to God to enable him to suffer patiently all his holy will concerning him; and several times said, "I don't know why a Christian should wish to stay here—real Christians, that loves, and has lived to God."

On Sunday the fever was very high, and he endured great agony, not able to say much; but in a very impressive manner, while Mr. Gordon was by his bed-side, said, "My times are in thy hands."

On Monday he was thought to be rather better, and at night he appeared more composed than he had been for some nights past; but, alas! about 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning he expired.

Mr. Pritchett was a man who possessed great vigour of constitution, and had endured the climate of India for ten years without any material inconvenience. He was a truly devoted Missionary, and took great delight in his work, notwithstanding the great labor of it. His acquaintance with the Teleng language was extensive, accurate, and idiomatic. He had finished the New Testament, and was looking forward with holy expectation to a period, apparently not remote, when he should have the inexpressible satisfaction of completing the Old Testament also. But the great Sovereign of the world, for reasons unknown to us, was pleased to put a sudden period to his useful exertions, and remove him from his work to his reward. "The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works."

## ACCOUNT OF THE CONVERSION OF A MAHOMEDAN NEGRO IN ANTIGUA.

From the London Methodist Magazine for Dec.

We have lately received from our excellent friend, Mrs. GILBERT, of English Harbour, in Antigua, the following account of the Conversion of a Mahomedan Negro, which we doubt not will be read with interest, both as it shows the deep prejudices against the religion of CHRIST implanted in the heart by Mahomedan delusion, and displays the power of the grace of CHRIST in effectually subduing them.

A man belonging to the King, who is Office Messenger to Mr. GILBERT, is a blessed instance of the power of grace. He is a native of Senegal, and was a bigoted Mahomedan. In his capacity of Office-Messenger, I often saw him, and took an opportunity of inquiring whether he felt concerned for his salvation. To my sorrow I found him, as it were, bound by a triple chain to the service of MAHOMET, and well instructed in the Koran. He can read and write Arabic. I gave him a Spelling-Book, and put him in the way of learning to read English; but this he was careless about, lest he should be ensnared into the Christian religion. One day I devoted some time to conversing with him, and as he attended the chapel, more out of compliment to me, than any thing else, I asked him, "Now that you hear the gospel preached, what is there in the religion of MAHOMET, which you consider superior to the religion of JESUS CHRIST?" He said, that "the first island he went to, after he was taken from his own country, was Barbadoes; and that he was told that the people were Christians, but that he never saw so much wickedness in his whole life. They said they worshipped God; but they worshipped nothing and nobody, and he concluded that his religion was the best. He afterwards went to one of the French Colonies, and there certainly was more appearance of religion; but then they cursed and swore, and got drunk, and he concluded that his religion was the best; as in his own family (at least) he saw no drunkenness."

It was delightful to witness the beautiful order and decorum of the Native Women. The first sight of such a Congregation of Worshippers is, of course, the more striking, because one has hitherto been accustomed to see the Women of this country under such very different circumstan-

ces. These are precious souls, gathered into the fold of Christ, from among such as we once were; few who appeared to worship God, but some of them were not good people." I asked him if, in his own country, there were not good and bad Mahomedans. He said, "O yes, he had a brother that was a thief to his father, who was a good man." He said, "The Christian Religion was very good, and he was pleased to hear so much about MOSES (Moses) and ABRAHAM (Abraham); but there were some things in his religion so good and so sweet, that he could not bear the idea of giving them up." I begged him to tell me what they were. He said, that "his religion taught him, that as soon as he died, Moses would conduct him across a river, which would wash away all his sins, and cleanse him from all pollution; that heaven was on the opposite side of the river, and when they had reached the opposite side, Moses would present him to ABRAHAM, (Gabriel) and ABRAHAM would place him in ABRAHAM's bosom, and then he should never more know pain, or sorrow, or death." I took the Bible in my hand, and said, "This is my Koran, and I find that death is sometimes compared to passing a river; but the Bible never teaches us that any river, however pure, or any conductor, however holy, can take away our sins." I then read to him the 1st Epistle of John, i. 7, and some other passages pointing to the atonement, and said, that with respect to the blessedness held out to him in Mahomedanism, the religion of JESUS promised that, and much more. I then read Revelation xxi. 4; vii. 17, and said, that many of the promises in his religion had been borrowed from the Christian's book. He seemed amazed, but still contended for the superiority of his religion. He said, "Christians did not feel for the poor so much as Mahomedans did; that once a week all those that had cattle and sheep, sent a certain quantity to a place appointed, where the beasts were killed and distributed to the poor, and the poor were collected together by the sounding of trumpets." I told him that the religion of JESUS was remarkable for inculcating the greatest kindness and attention to the poor, and read several passages of Scripture with respect to the manner of showing mercy to the poor, in which his religion and mine differed widely. I said our God was the Searcher of hearts, and those who worship him and obey his commands, did it to please him, and not to make vain shew before men; that the people in English Harbour who cared for the poor, did not sound trumpets, but that the work was done, and God knew it, though he did not. He made no reply. I then offered him an Arabic Bible, if he would read it. He rather declined it. However, as Lieutenant LUGGER, of the Royal Artillery, was led by my conductor, the very same morning, to one greatly and most affectingly contrasted with it.

"I followed him down a narrow back street, through a dark and dirty entrance, and up a staircase, the lower half of worn brick, that above, of broken ladder, like wooden steps, into an anti-chamber, filled with slippers; from whence, after rapping at a half closed door, we were admitted into a dismal looking room, where such daylight as found its way was broken and obscured by the dull and feeble light of several mean lamps of oil.

"Round this chamber, sat about fifty venerable looking figures, in large robes of white, with turbans, out of the centre of whose muslin folds, the short top of a crimson cap was just visible.

"One of them stood up at a raised reading-table near the entrance, and opposite him, was fixed against the wall, a sort of plain wooden press, like a half book case.

"Of those seated round the room, some were aged, with long silver beards, some middle aged, with beards black or red, and curling or bushy; their complexions differed from olive even to fresh, and they were in general, very handsome. Although their dress and style of sitting, save that they used a broad raised bench, was Asiatic, still they appeared totally unlike, not only the Mahomedans of India, but also those from Asia Minor, who visit our Indian ports. At the sounding of a small bell, he at the table began reading to them from an ancient manuscript volume, and the eye of every one was immediately riveted on small written or printed books, with which each, even a boy among them, was provided.

"Here, without a temple, and without altar, giving mournful evidence of the truth of those very prophecies, the divine interpreter of which their fathers rejected, and the past accomplishment of which they still deny, here was a stray flock of the house of the lost sheep of Israel. Unhappy race! Cursed be the man who, believing your origin and history, should, in a bigote's zeal, look on you with that insulting pity which partakes of scorn. Ye were, ye are, our elder brethren. We know that arm which scattered you with fury, will gather you with great mercy.

"Is this mean chamber, your temple? Do these dull lamps supply the mystic branches of your golden candlestick? Your tabernacle and ark of the covenant, that it poorly you possess them? The alter of incense, the mercy seat, are they? The door of the temple, that it poorly you possess them? And do ye, whose forefathers went up in open state, through the gate Beautiful, into that temple so familiar to you by description, so clear in cherished recollections of it,—do ye steal throu' dark entrance to your degraded worship? Dry up your tears; still press the law and the prophets to your bosoms. Seventy years before the destruction of your third world laid; was laid in the sepulchre of your crucified Saviour: he too is the key-stone of his loftiest arch, where he sitteth on high a King of glory, triumphant over sin and death; a prince of peace, making intercession for you, a God of mercy, waiting to be gracious.

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FOREIGN MISSION SCHOOL.

Extract from the Report of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.—Sept. 1821.

This favored institution continues to enjoy, in a remarkable manner, the approving smile of heaven. The expectations of the Christian public, in regard to it, are surpassed; and the history of its progress affords abundant encouragement to pursue the system of educating heathen youth, who may be cast upon our shores. It seems probable that the number of suitable candidates for this species of charity will be increasing, as the commercial intercourse, which our countrymen hold with many parts of the heathen world, is frequent, and of such a character as to bring our sea-captains and factors into a personal acquaintance with the chiefs and people of many tribes. Mr. Fisk suggests, also, that some promising youths, of Greek extraction, may probably hereafter visit Cornwall to enjoy the benefits of the school.

The Committee would take this opportunity of observing, that the best way of bringing forward heathen boys, who come to this country in a state altogether untaught, is to place them for a considerable time in religious families, especially of families of clergymen, so that some advance may be made in the rudiments of learning, and some judgment formed of the intellectual capacity of every pupil, before he is received for a regular and

thorough education. As all, who arrive among us, cannot be thus educated, it seems desirable that a selection should be made; and that those, who will make the greatest proficiency in study, should enjoy the greatest advantages.

The state of the school has been generally prosperous, during the year past. While the pupils have rewarded the assiduous care of their instructors by their docility and attention, it is peculiarly gratifying to add, that the greatest of all blessings, those of a spiritual nature, have been continued to the institution. A few brief extracts from the quarterly reports of the Rev. Mr. Daggett, Principal of the school, to the Prudential Committee of the Board, will give a general view of its state and progress. Under date of Feb. 6, 1821, Mr. Daggett says:

"The conduct of the scholars continues to be very good; and their progress in learning according to their several abilities, is satisfactory. There is seldom any thing to reprehend in any of the scholars, excepting —. The exception, which Mr. Daggett felt obliged to make, was, we are happy to say, in a great measure removed, at a subsequent period.

By the next quarterly report, which is dated May 7th, it appears, "that there is but little which is new or interesting to communicate. The professors of religion in the seminary, fifteen in number, continue to maintain an exemplary character. We have favorable hopes," says Mr. Daggett, "of the piety of others, but wish to be very cautious about forming a judgment, which we may have occasion to relinquish. The school is in an orderly and improving state, as far, I think, as can be expected. We are now preparing for the approaching examination and exhibition, which will be on the 15th and 16th inst."

The annual examination and exhibition of the school, here anticipated, were very interesting to a crowded audience. Among the visitors were several strangers, gentlemen of intelligence and distinction, who were much gratified. Among the pieces exhibited were a *Cherokee Council of War*; on the subject of the present dispute between the Cherokee and the Osages, and a *Dialogue in Ou-yah-um*, respecting the late intelligence from the Sandhills.

In his last quarterly report, dated Aug. 6th, Mr. Daggett says, "The state of the school is, I think, as favorable as it has been at any time, though no special seriousness exists, at present, among the students."

The whole number of pupils is thirty-four; of whom seven are from the Sandwich Islands; one is from Otaheite; one from New Zealand; one is a Malay; eight are Cherokee; two Choctaws; three of the Stockbridge tribe; one of the Oneida tribe; one Tuscarora; one Narragansett; two Congnawagans; one Indian youth from Pennsylvania; and five youths of our own country. Of these, nineteen are professors of religion, and five others are thought to have become religious in a time of uncommon seriousness among the pupils. Respecting those, who have been admitted to the privileges of the school, within the period embraced by this Report, it is proper, to observe, that no youths from our own country are received, without evidence of piety, promising talents, and a desire to be employed hereafter as Missionaries, or assistants, in some parts of the heathen world.

Whyne and Zealand had lived in respectable families, been instructed in the rudiments of the English language, and given proof of an amiable, mild temper, and a disposition to acquire knowledge. Lewis has for some time been an exemplary member of a Baptist church. He holds to open communion.

Those members of the school, who are not professors of religion, regard Christianity as true and as pointing out the only way of salvation. Most of them appear desirous of possessing that good part, which shall never be taken from them. The health of the present pupils has been good, except that one of the Sandwich Islanders has been in danger of the consumption, and one of the Cherokee is suffering under an illness of several years duration.

## GREEKS AND TURKS.

From the Mount Zion (Ga.) Missionary.

The TURKISH EMPIRE is becoming, every day, more and more interesting and solemn in its aspect. The reports abroad respecting the political state of that country, are so discordant and contradictory, and even where they have facts as their basis, are so mutilated and distorted, that it is impossible at the present juncture, to ascertain the precise condition of that infatuated people. But events of sufficient magnitude have transpired, and those too which are marked with the deepest characters of crime, to lead us to believe that some awful catastrophe is near at hand. The general madness which appears to have seized upon the nation, must, in the natural course of human events, be followed by some grand political revolution. It is impossible, that affairs in relation to this cruel & arbitrary government, and the mixed population over which it is exercised, should long continue in their present condition. Fearful changes—and probably at a period not far remote, await the Ottoman power. Should the uplifted arm of human justice be arrested in its descent, or its well aimed blow of vengeance be averted, we may be well assured, that the retribution of heaven will not always slumber!

Towards the unhappy GREEKS the Turkish government has long pursued a course of merciless and unrelenting tyranny. Not satisfied with having reduced them to a state of common degradation and servitude, these *fleuds incarnate* have hunted them down with more than savage ferocity—sold them by thousands in the public market place—shot them down in the very streets of the Capital—stricken their heads from their yet quivering limbs—and hung their dead bodies in vast numbers upon the rigging of their victorious ships. Recent accounts from Constantinople state, that *headless corpses* are found in every street; that night and day the firing of pistols may be heard, and the number of victims who thus fall may be counted; that not less than *four thousand* unfortunate female captives have been exhibited for sale to the highest bidder, in Salonica; and that a Captain Pacha who lately arrived in the Dardanelles, hung the yards of his ship with 75 dead bodies, “being the remains of Greek seamen whom he had hanged as a sign of victory.” These are some of the rank sins of Turkey which “smell to heaven.” And these acts of barbarity and murder have been perpetrated upon a helpless, and, generally, upon an unoffending people. If the Greeks have, at any time, acted with temerity, and committed deeds of outrage, it has been because the native love of freedom has impelled them to the contest when the hand of despotism has been lifted to smite them. Patriotism, valour and piety must all unite in wishing them success.

We have other facts which conspire in telling us, that the Ottoman empire is upon the brink of some dreadful concussion. To the rumors respecting the destruction of a greater part of Constantinople by conflagration, and the assassination of the Sultan and his sons, circulated through the medium of the German papers, we are not prepared, at present, to attach much credit; but storms are gathering of no common portent, which will sweep, and blast, and desolate that ill-fated region of tyranny and blood. The civil commotions of the Empire must sap the foundations of power;—and although the single arm of Greece, restrained and hampered as it is by oppression, may not be strong enough to give freedom to her sons, yet the *crucifix* which are systematically taught and practised by the Grand Seignor and his armed ruffians, must soon recoil with a dreadful retribution upon the heads of their authors. Those who are trained to the dark deeds of carnage and blood, are not over scrupulous upon whom they *wreak* their vengeance.

But Turkey has other causes of alarm besides those which relate to her disaffected, or her blood-thirsty subjects. Persia is already in arms upon one of her borders—and if we may credit recent reports, a skirt of the empire has felt the footsteps of her victorious armies. Against Persia, war has been formally declared by the Porte, and published at Constantinople; while the news of Persian victories has spread consternation through the city. It is certainly in the power of the Persians to make destructive inroads upon the eastern part of the Empire. A determined few from this quarter must be an unwelcome visitor to his *Sublime Highness*, especially when the very pillars of the throne appear to be crumbling, and the government, in all its departments, is violently shaken by the storms of internal contention.

Russia, too, is not an idle spectator of the scene. The Emperor Alexander, with the spirit of deliberation which renders him almost an exception amongst crowned heads, and from a regard to the jealousies of his brother potentates, has paused for a long time to survey the mighty and portentous scene;—but an open rupture with Turkey, if the war-signal has not already been given, is now inevitable. And when the work of death commences from this quarter, the abandoned Turks must be driven from Christendom, if their existence as a nation, be not annihilated by a blow. The Emperor with his legions of brave and hardy warriors, will come down upon them.

“Still as the breeze, but dreadful as the storm.” Upon this approaching scene we look forward with no common solicitude. We shall feel no regret when we hear, that the first effective blow is struck. Not that we delight in human slaughter;—but Turkey has forfeited by her more than savage butchery of the Greeks, all claims to lenity from those who profess the same religion which brought these murdered victims to an untimely grave. Christian nations not only have a right to interfere, but are solemnly bound to interpose their power between the Turkish tyrant and their brethren in the faith. The laws of nations do not forbid it;—and whatever political systems might teach on this point, we need only the dictates of our own bosoms, and the spirit of the Bible to inform us, that the voice of humanity and pity will ever bless those who rescue grey-headed decrepitude, and trembling matrons, and helpless infants from the bloody fangs of human tigers.

The downfall of the Ottoman Empire, should it actually take place, ought to be hailed as an event auspicious both to the political and religious interests of the world. Its government is founded in corruption, and supported by the worst passions of the heart. An iron-handed despotism has too long, in this region, favored with a fertile soil and benign skies, cramped the energies of the human mind, and withered the very productions of the earth. And yet it is not in a solitary instance, that a mean spirit of jealousy has been manifested, lest some Christian power should chastise these tyrants of our race, and give liberty to thousands of captives who have long been made to bleed at every pore. This spirit has been exhibited by the ministerial party in England;—has stained many of the public prints on the continent;—and, what is “passing strange,” has been more than obscurely hinted at by some of the Newspaper Editors in this land of boasted liberty. To divine the reason why the other powers of Europe should oppose the chastisement and conquest of Turkey by the Emperor of Russia, would not require the wisdom of a Daniel;—but it is to us mysterious how these feelings should gain admission to the bosom of an American freeman. We have no cause to be jealous of Alexander; and it must be acknowledged on all hands, that for moderation, justice & reverence for Christian piety, he stands first among the sceptered princes of the globe.

Should the Russians conquer Turkey, it cannot be pretended, that the curses of religious and political despotism will attend their march, as they have ever followed the footsteps of the barbarous Ottomans. This same Alexander who is so much vilified by those who seem to have taken it for granted, that a great man cannot be a Christian

or he that wears an earthly crown cannot lay his honours at the feet of Him who wears the crown of heaven, may be the appointed instrument for tearing down the pillars of Turkish despotism, and of restoring liberty to bleeding Greece. The introduction of the Bible and its institutions into that country, would, no doubt, soon effect a surprising change. Another Athens and another Thebes may arise under better auspices than the former—the seven churches of Asia Minor may be rebuilt upon their mouldering ruins—Jerusalem may become the centre of a mission similar to that which blessed the world in the days of the Apostles—and the mosque of the Mussulman and the praises of the false prophet, may be succeeded by the temple of Jehovah and the anthem of redeeming love.

## CIVILIZATION OF INDIANS.

From the New-York Daily Advertiser.

We have received from Washington a pamphlet, containing an account of the formation and organization of a—“New Society for the benefit of Indians.” The name of the Society as given in their Constitution is—“The American Society for Promoting the Civilization and General Improvement of the Indian Tribes within the United States.

The special objects of the Society are stated to be, “to secure for those tribes instruction in all branches of knowledge, suited to their capacities and condition; and for this purpose to ascertain the character and strength of their moral and intellectual powers, and their disposition to receive instruction; to examine into their origin, history, memorials, antiquities, traditions, governments, customs, manners, laws, languages and religions; into their diseases, remedies, and manner of applying them;—also, into the efforts which have been already made for meliorating their condition, and the results of those efforts; and where they have failed—the causes of failure; to ascertain the number and name of the tribes, their places of residence, the extent, soil and climate of their respective territories, the stations where education families may be most advantageously located, and to suggest what other means may be employed for their improvement.

Other objects of the society shall be, to obtain a knowledge of the geography, mineralogy, geology, natural history, &c. of the Indian country—to collect specimens in all these branches of science, for the purpose of forming a CABINET for the use of the government of the United States.—Also, to select suitable spots in the Indian country for making experimental farms, in the immediate view of Indians, on which to cultivate the different kinds of grains, grasses, trees, plants, roots, and other garden vegetables, adapted to the various soils and climates of the aforesaid country; to introduce the best breeds of domestic animals and feathered fowls; and generally, to do all other things, which such a Society can do, to accomplish its grand object, *the civilization of the Indians.*”

The constitution declares that—“The officers of the Society shall be such number of Patrons, as it may see fit to appoint, a President, Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, with two assistants, a Recording Secretary, with an Assistant, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Board of Directors, a Committee of Ways and Means, a Cabinet Keeper, a Librarian, and a select body of Special Correspondents.”

It is also provided that—“The successive Presidents of the United States, who shall have retired from office, shall be ex-officio, Patrons of this Society; the Vice President of the United States, ex-officio, its President; the Heads of Departments, Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Governors of the several States and Territories, ex-officio, Vice Presidents.”

The following is a list of the Officers of the Society appointed for the ensuing year.

“*Parsons.*—Hon. John Adams, Hon. Thomas Jefferson, Hon. James Madison, late successive Presidents of the United States.

President.—The Vice President of the United States, ex-officio; Vice Presidents, ex-officio, the Hon. the Secretary of State, The Hon. the Secretary of the Treasury, The Hon. the Secretary of War, The Hon. Secretary of the Navy, The Hon. the Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The excellencies, the Governors of the several States & Territories comprised in the National Union.

Honorary Members.—Hon. John Jay, Gen. C. Pinckney, Hon. James Hillhouse, Gen. T. Pinckney, Gen. Andrew Jackson, Hon. Henry Clay.

Rev. Jedidiah Morse, D. D. Corresponding Secretary; George Richards, Esq. First Assistant Secretary; Sidney Edwards Morse, A. M. Second Assistant do.; Elias B. Caldwell, Esq. Recording Secretary; George Watterston, Esq. Assistant do.; Joseph Nourse, Esq. Treasurer; Peter Hagner, Esq. Auditor.

Board of Directors.—Hon. Wm. Wirt, Attorney General of the United States; Francis S. Key, Esq.; Rev. James Milnor, D. D.; Rev. Mr. Heckwelder; Thomas Edy; Robert Ralston, Esq.; Rev. William Staughton, D. D.; Rev. Philip Milledoller, D. D.; Rev. James Laurie, D. D.; Rev. William Ryland; The Corresponding Secretary, ex-officio; The first Assistant Secretary, do; The Recording Secretary, do.

Committee of Ways and Means.—Josiah Meigs, Esq.; General Walter Jones; Gen. John Mason; Col. Thomas McKenney; Thomas Sewall, M. D. Special Correspondents.—The Presidents and Professors of Universities and Colleges in the United States, ex-officio.—F. S. Duponceau, Esq.; Samuel L. Mitchell, M. D. S. L. D.; Isaiah Thomas, Esq.; David Hosack, M. D.; John Pintard, Esq.; Col. Wm. McRee; Hon. John Davis; Rev. James Freeman, D. D.; Thomas Walcott, Esq.; Rev. Abiel Holmes, D. D.; Samuel R. Trevett, M. D.; James G. Trotter, Esq.; Hon. John Pickering; Rev. John Sergeant; Caleb Atwater, Esq.; Hon. John Coney; Rev. Mr. Gambold; Rev. Wm. Jenks; Jeremiah Evarts; Esq.; John Law, Esq.; Solomon U. Hendrick, a Chief of the Muhheconnecks; Charles Hicks, Chief of the Cherokees; Indian Agents, ex-officio.

The name of the President of the United States might be expected to stand at the head of this respectable list; but as he is, from the nature of his office, the head of the Nation, and of course of all its public institutions, which are all strictly *National* in their character, it is deemed superfluous and improper to place it here.”

This Society commences its existence and operations with a shew of influence, and weight of character, unexampled in any other voluntary association in our country. The task they have undertaken is of great magnitude and importance—highly interesting in its nature, and if accomplished, will ensure them the need of universal and lasting approbation. The spectacle which this country presents, as it regards its original inhabitants, is extremely interesting to the philosopher and the statesman, as well as the philanthropist and the Christian. Nothing is more apparent than the fact, that if the same course of policy towards the Indians which has been hitherto pursued, or permitted, should be persisted in, that race of men will soon be extirpated. Whether a different course, and different treatment, will preserve the comparatively few that remain, is a point to be determined only by the experiment. That experiment, having for its object the preservation of the remnants of many tribes and nations, once the free and undisturbed possessors and proprietors of the country which we inhabit, by the interesting process of civilization and the communication of the knowledge of the Christian Religion, is well worthy of the distinguished characters, whose names appear in the list of Patrons and Officers of this Society.

The report that the Choctaw Indians had killed nine of the United States’ Surveyors, is contradicted. It is said that there is no record of the Choctaws ever having killed a white man within their territory. Their pacific disposition is proverbial.

## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The following letter from the Rev. Mr. Owen, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to the Rev. Dr. Milnor of this city, enclosing one from Lord Teignmouth, President of that institution, were yesterday communicated to the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society. It is highly gratifying to receive from these very respectable and distinguished characters, such interesting testimonials of regard for the memory of the late excellent and venerated President of our Society—the Hon. ELIAS BOUDINOT. Worth like his, such transcendent benevolence and charity as marked his life and character, cannot be confined to the small circle of a neighborhood;—they reach to distant nations, and a different hemisphere, and are admired and respected by the great and good of every nation where virtue is esteemed, and piety is revered.—[New-York Advertiser.]

FULHAM, Dec. 24, 1821.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—Enclosed I have the honour of transmitting to you a letter addressed by our venerable President, to the Committee of the American Bible Society, on occasion of the regretted, but neither premature, nor unexpected event which has recently deprived them of theirs. I cannot at the same time refuse myself the mournful gratification of adding the humble tribute of my affectionate sympathy to that of his Lordship. It was my honoured lot to be favored with the correspondence of the revered Dr. Boudinot, and to be distinguished on more occasions than one, by testimonies of his esteem and regard. I was early impressed with a sense of his character, and my admiration of it, has increased in proportion as I have observed his zeal for the propagation of Divine truth and social happiness, during more than ten years of his active occupation as a patron and promoter of Biblical Societies. The exertions he made to bring about the establishment of the American Bible Society are neither unknown or unhonoured among us. “That a life so nearly exhausted at the foundation of that Society, should have been continued to witness its fifth anniversary is a circumstance which ought at once to stimulate our gratitude, and diminish our regret. For the venerable deceased himself, we have no tears to shed but those of joy. He has terminated an honourable career by a triumphant dissolution; and the Society of which he was not more the honoured President than the liberal benefactor, will preserve a memorial of his ardent piety, his generous philanthropy, and his public usefulness, to the latest posterity.

I have the honour to be, Rev. and Dear Sir, yours, very faithfully, JOHN OWEN, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Rev. Dr. Milnor, Secretary of the American Bible Society

British and Foreign Bible Society, LONDON, Dec. 17, 1821.

Gentlemen.—In full accordance with the feelings of the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, I now discharge the melancholy duty, of communicating the expression of their sympathy and condolence to their American Brethren and Fellow Laborers, on the loss which they have sustained in the lamented death of their most venerable and respected President.

On such an event they cannot but indulge the soothing reflection, that the remembrance of departed worth will long retain its influence, in promoting the interest of that holy religion which Dr. Boudinot so zealously cultivated; as well as the prosperity of the Society which he so zealously labored to advance.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant, TELGMOUTH,

President of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The Committee of the American Bible Society

DAVID CHRISTIAN BERNHARD JADOWSKY.

In addition to the testimonials in favor of this Converted Jew, which have recently appeared in the Recorder, we copy the following article from the N. Y. Christian Herald, which was translated from a Solingen newspaper:

Solingen, May 19, 1821.

“Mr. EDITOR.—It will not be uninteresting to your readers to learn by the following letters something of the conversion of Mr. Jadownitzky, late Jewish teacher in this place, from Judaism to the Evangelical Reformed Church. It is well known that he lived amongst us for some time, and by his upright conduct and various talents, gained general esteem. Our worthy minister, J. W. Neinhause, cherishing with love and care the first appearance of the seed of Christianity in the heart of this young Israelite, and the relation of our beloved minister, J. Kaemmerling, the Rev. Dr. Spies, in Frankfurt, completed, by suitable instruction, his Christian education.”

Frankfort, April 16, 1821.—Yesterday we witnessed, in the Reformed Church in this city, hitherto very rare, the solemnity of a Jewish baptism. A young Israelite of talents, by the name of Jadownitzky, a native of Poland, who has been for some time a teacher at Solingen, and having before he left that place, by a persevering search of the Old & New Testaments, come to a firm conviction that Jesus Christ is the Messiah promised from the beginning, and the only name whereby we can be saved, has, in this city, after mature consideration, resolved to join the Evangelical Church, not regarding the many sacrifices such a step requires. The Rev. Dr. Spies having instructed him for six months in the doctrine of Christ, and his faith having been sufficiently tried, he was yesterday presented to the sacred ordinance of baptism. Before 10 o’clock the church was already crowded: Those who came not out of pleasure to the solemn transaction, were impelled by curiosity. Divine service was commenced by a sermon from the Rev. Vinkar Krumacker, on the honorable reprobation which the true followers of Christ have to endure even in our days, from Matt. xxv. 29—44. After the sermon the ministers present and members of the session, formed a circle round the altar, and Dr. Spies opened the solemnity with a short address, after which the young convert was examined on the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. The answers were distinct and appropriate. After this he made a confession of his faith, and having solemnly recited his intention of faithfulness, he was baptized, kneeling before the altar. The two elders, De Neuville Manskopf, and Mr. Bernus, stood as godfathers, in remembrance of whose zeal the convert received the names of David Christian. Amongst his new brethren the new disciple of Christ met with a warm, cordial and friendly reception.

“O! that this solemn transaction might have the happy influence to diminish the hatred of the Jews, which is not yet extinguished among the inhabitants of Frankfort. The Society for promoting the conversion of the Jews, have been greatly encouraged by increasing success. Ten or twelve Israelites are at present instructed by different ministers in the doctrines of the Gospel, and in a few weeks the Rev. Mr. Manuel, minister of the French Church, will baptize a Jewish family, late of Strasburg, consisting of five members. To all appearance the harvest will be great, and many laborers will be wanted.” O! that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion.

Anecdote related by Rev. Mr. Patterson: “Once, on the shore of the Ohio, I saw a rough looking young man sitting by a craft. I observed to him, You have leisure?—Yes. Can you read?—Yes. Have you any book?—No. Will you accept of a Testament?—Thankfully. I gave him one with some advice, as I usually do.—Where do you get those books? From the Bible Societies. I do not

know what a Bible Society is. After giving him information, he asked, Where do they get so much money? God puts it into the hearts of people to send them money.—Then, take that dollar and give them. I observed him afterwards diligently reading.”

## REVIVALS OF RELIGION.

From the Christian Watchman.

The following Extract of a letter from Waterford, County of Erie, Penn. dated Jan. 31, 1822, was lately received by a gentleman in Boston.

“Some time in the last summer, it pleased the Lord to awaken a few of the inhabitants of the town of Clymer, in the State of New-York, a new town incorporated last spring, on the line of Pennsylvania. A general attention to the things of religion, soon took place, and a few became the subjects of Divine Grace. In October, Elder Gillett and myself visited them, baptized eight, and constituted a Church. Afterwards we frequently visited them; and the reformation became general, and one of the most powerful that I ever saw in any place. The most violent opposers, who would attend meetings to make derision, frequently went home pricked in the heart, and crying out for mercy. Their convictions were of the most pungent kind, and their deliverances clear, and expressive of Divine Grace. The most profound and solemn attention were paid to the word, and conferences and prayer-meetings were held three or four times a week, among all ages, from 7 to 70. Some whole households have followed their Lord in baptism. We have baptized seventy-three in this new Church, which now contains, about eighty members. Notices that about twenty more we hope are the subjects of Divine Grace, who will probably follow the example of their beloved neighbours. Some things were very extraordinary among the children. Soon after the work began, the little children, from the age of 8 to twelve or fourteen, set up prayer-meetings, without the knowledge of their parents; and soon we rejoiced to see that the Lord could perfect praise out of the mouths of babes and sucklings.—Every house in the neighborhood has become a house of prayer, where, six months ago, I do not know as there was a praying family. This is the Lord’s work; and it is marvellous in our eyes.—One circumstance deserves to be recorded. A boy of thirteen years of age, who has become a subject of Grace, and whose father and mother were without hope, observed to his father as follows:—“Sir, there is not a house in the neighbourhood but ours, but what is a house of prayer, and I don’t know how to have it so. I have thought, if you have no objection sir, I will set up a prayer in the family.” The tears trickled from the father’s eye, while he answered, “I have no objection.” From that time the boy has kept up family prayer. O, may the prayers of children for their parents, and the prayers of parents for their children, arise before God, till all shall know him, from the least to the greatest. At the other place which I mentioned, the work has gone on so rapidly, and I have not time to give an account of it now.”

Your Brother, &c. OLIVER ALFORD.”

## BOSTON RECORDER.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1822.

### FOREIGN ABSTRACTS.

A new chapel was opened last April, in Calcutta, by



## POET'S CORNER.

From the N. Y. Evening Post.  
THE HARP OF LOVE.—*Air Bonnie Doon.*  
The harp of Love when first I heard  
Its song beneath the moonlight tree,  
Was echoed by his plighted word,  
And ah! how dear its song to me.  
But wailed the hour will ever be  
When to the air the bugle gave,  
To hush Love's gentle minstrelsy,  
The wild war music of the brave.  
For he hath heard its sounds now,  
Its voice is sweeter than mine own,  
And he hath broke the plighted vow  
He breathed to me and love alone.  
That harp hath lost its wonted tone,  
No more its strings his fingers move,  
Oh! would that he had only known  
The music of the harp of Love.

## MISCELLANY.

## AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

## IMPORTANT FACTS.

A letter from the Rev. Dr. COFFIN, President of Greenville College, Tennessee, to the Agent of the American Education Society.

GREEVILLE COLLEGE, Nov. 24, 1821.

Dear Sir,—I have for some time observed with much regret the failure of that amount of pecuniary aid from the religious public to the American Education Society, which it so eminently deserves from the grandeur of its object, and the Christian liberality of its principles: and which is absolutely indispensable to its attaining any thing comparable to its proposed and most desirable usefulness. I regard that Society as holding a place in the foremost rank of the great Christian army, that, under the King of kings, and Conqueror of conquerors, is moving onward to the spiritual victory and emancipation of the world. Its record, I doubt not, is in heaven, and its high rewards a more than mortal or created hand will bestow. Blessed is every member of the Society, who feels the disinterested spirit, which its constitution and labours display.

The primary demand in a wide extent of comparatively uncultivated country is a sufficient number of well qualified labourers. The simple fact that more than half the ten millions of our population in the United States are without a supply of any preaching whatever, even on the Sabbath; should speak volumes on the religious famine in our country, to every friend of immortal souls, and to all who can assist in providing and sending suitable dispensers of the bread of life to the millions literally perishing for lack of vision in this land of boasted privileges. But particulars are necessary to excite the liveliest interest. If you only present the naked facts, in half their awful weight and variety, before the friends of Christianity, the coffers of one of the most magnanimous and important Societies in Christendom, must speedily and largely be replenished. Mr. Christopher Bradshaw, and Mr. George Painter, one of them a useful and acceptable preacher of the gospel, and the other a graduate of excellent standing, now under the instruction of the Professor of our South Western Theological Seminary, on his way to the ministry, would, if it were in their power, manifest their gratitude to the American Education Society as beneficiaries, by diffusing through the country the sense they entertain of its benevolence and usefulness. My confined situation, as a daily instructor, gives me very little opportunity of acquiring any extensive knowledge of particular facts which might be useful to the Society; except as I find them in religious publications. Had not this prevention operated, you should have long ago received a letter from me. For the following particulars, which may be far from new to yourself and others, I am principally indebted to the Rev. Francis McFarland, a Presbyterian Missionary, who has lately visited Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, and the Rev. Austin Dickinson, a late student of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, who has travelled and preached in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Indiana has but seven Presbyterian preachers. Two of these have pastoral charges. Not half the people, who by the last census are 147,178 in number, have supply of preaching in any thing and every thing which bears the name. Christian Missionaries, qualified for their work, are received with great joy, and treated with much attention. This State affords at present the most favourable and hopeful field for missionary labour in all the West. Methodists are here the most numerous.

Illinois has only two Presbyterian preachers; one of whom is a travelling Missionary. Not a third of the 55,211 inhabitants of this State are supplied with preaching of any sort. An inviting field for ministerial exertion here presents itself. Several churches are already organized, and anxious for settled pastors. One of these at the time Mr. McFarland was there, had 90 members in full communion. Here, also, the Methodists are the most numerous denomination.

Missouri having 66,588 inhabitants, has only six Presbyterian preachers, and but one of these has a pastoral charge. For a new State, it is distinguished by a very enlightened population. Missionaries meet a very joyful reception; and their final parting from the people is rendered peculiarly distressing by tears, intertreats and remonstrances. Very liberal offers are made to induce settlements. Many churches are regularly organized. One at its first organization contained 40 members. Presbyterianism is here most regarded.

Mississippi which contains 75,448 people, has 9 Presbyterian; and probably 15 Methodist and 15 Baptist preachers.

Louisiana with 153,407 inhabitants has only 3 Presbyterian preachers; and probably 6 Baptist and 6 Methodist and 2 or 3 Episcopalian, besides a considerable number of Roman Catholic.

The inhabitants both of Mississippi and Louisiana are many of them wealthy, liberal men, who would encourage and support pious and eloquent preachers of any denomination. Baptist and Methodist preachers in that part of the country are some of them well educated, and free from sectarian prejudices.

The Domestic Missionary Society of Mississippi Presbytery, had on hand last spring, funds sufficient to support two Missionaries for a year, at 40 dollars a month, in addition to travelling expenses. Additional funds, almost to any desirable extent, might be obtained, if Missionaries could be had. But the Society will languish, and may die, for want of the men.

A Louisiana Missionary Society was formed at New-Orleans last spring, and about 200 dollars immediately subscribed, but no Missionary could be found. A Missionary might well be employed in New-Orleans; and it is likely he would be amply supported by the charitable of that city.

Ministers in all the South-Western country, to be acceptable, must be prepared to preach without notes. Superior talents are, perhaps, more necessary in rallying the people and forming new congregations, than in supplying those already organized. A few ordained Missionaries might be of unspeakable advantage in plating and watering new churches, in which many precious ministers might ere long be settled, if there were in the country a supply.

Several Domestic Missionary Societies in the Southern Atlantic States have funds on hand; but cannot obtain suitable men to employ. This is the case in North Carolina and Virginia; as well as South Carolina.

But thousands and thousands of the more ignorant, careless and thoughtless among the people, need to have ministers of talent and zeal sent among them, in order that they may know what they need; and be roused to the first steps by which they might obtain the settlement of a Christian minister among them, who might be within

their reach. Ministers of the gospel, however few compared with the necessities of the people, die, like other men; and need constant successors to supply their places. The supply has not kept pace with the ravages by death. Yet there is in America an unexampled increase of population, and a wide diffusion of a large portion of it over our thinly settled New States and Territories in the West. Many youths distinguished by genius and exalted by grace, would look towards the ministry, if the expenses of the proper education and their own poverty did not discourage them. Yet these, if educated, would, like Doddridge and other favored beneficiaries, be among the first of their time for attainments, labours and usefulness. They would find others, like themselves, in their visits and travels. They would, also, be blest to the conversion of others, who might become entitled to the same encouragement and would emulate their example. The notorious truth, that the poor and pious are in many instances unapprized, however bright, should awaken the spirit of liberal contribution for their aid. Let the resources of Education Societies be permanently diminished, and thousands of solitary Christians with moral waste, desolation and death around them, will weep in secret places, while they cry to heaven, "By whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small?" In the mean time, thousands of thousands of sinners will travel on to perdition in darkness, not knowing at what they stumble, and having none to teach them.

May the Lord bless your exertions, and those of the American Education Society, is the prayer of many a distant individual, as well as of your lowly servant in the gospel. CHARLES COFFIN.

## FIRE IN BOWDOIN COLLEGE!

Portland, Me. March 8.—It is with deep regret we announce to the public the serious calamity that has befallen the Literary Institution at Brunswick, in the loss, by fire, of the principal College Building, the one occupied by the students, which happened in the afternoon of Monday last.

It appears that the fire (and in what manner is not known), originated in the fourth story of the College, in room No. 29, during the absence of the Students who were attending a Lecture. It is not, however, attributed to the negligence of the Scholars who occupied that part of the building.—They had been absent only about three quarters of an hour, when on their return at 3 o'clock, the fire was first discovered, but had made too great progress to be subdued, the roof being on fire and the wind strong from the northwest blowing directly on that part.—Great exertions were made by the fire-wards of Brunswick, and Topsham, to extinguish the flames, but their efforts were to no effect. Two engines were in the mean time, continually playing on the building. The whole fabric was in a very short time completely reduced to ashes, except the walls, which being of brick remain in somewhat of a shattered state. It is impossible at this time to make an estimate of the real loss sustained by the Institution, but it is readily to be supposed that it is very considerable. The building alone cost \$16,000. The valuable Libraries belonging to the Students, were all saved, excepting the Theological Library, which being deposited in the fourth story, and near where the fire commenced, was lost. Twelve of the Students have lost all their wearing apparel, except what they had on at the time of the fire, together with their bedding, &c. The private property lost belonging to the Officers and Students of the College, may be estimated, by a moderate calculation, at not much short of \$1500. More than 60 Students thus rendered homeless, have, we understand, found a shelter through the politeness of the inhabitants of Brunswick, who have thrown open their doors for their accommodation.

## To the Liberal Friends of Literature.

A righteous Providence has sent upon this Institution a great calamity in the destruction, by fire, yesterday, of the principal College Building—the only public building occupied by Students, sixty of whom were thus rendered homeless, and some of whom have suffered the loss of every thing. And this calamity has come upon the Seminary at the moment, when the increased number of Students had constrained the Trustees and Overseers to vote to erect a new College for their accommodation, even by a loan, for a considerable part of the expense.

Under these circumstances, it is confidently hoped, that an appeal will not be made in vain to the generous Friends of Literature; and that the noble liberality, which has supported many valuable Institutions in our country, will sympathise in the distresses of this Institution, and will soon rear up the desolate & still smouldering walls of Bowdoin.

Then shall the new Edifice stand not only as a temple of science, but what is better and more resplendent, a monument of that Charity, which gives to Science all its worth.

WILLIAM ALLEN, President.  
Bowdoin College, March 5, 1822.

## EXECUTION.

On the 7th inst. sentence of death was executed on Gilbert Closs and Samuel Clisby, for a highway robbery committed by them last summer on a Mr. HAYNES, in Cambridge-street. At ten o'clock, the prisoners left the jail, in an open wagon, preceded by Sheriff HALE, and surrounded by his deputies and assistants; and reached the place of execution (near the burial ground on the Neck) about half past 10 o'clock. The prisoners were decently attired, had weeds round their hats, and appeared to be young men of about 22 or 23 years of age. They surveyed the spectators, and their deportment was confident and collected. The Rev. Mr. WILEY, the Rev. Mr. MAFFIT, and the Rev. Mr. CLOUGH, were the Clergy who attended. On mounting the platform, Clisby examined the rope minutely, and afterwards requested the Sheriff to give it more scope, which was done.—While the Sheriff was reading the warrant of execution, Clisby paid no attention to it, but kept traversing the stage; Closs, however, appeared to listen to it very attentively. The Clergy and prisoners then knelt on the stage, and the Rev. Mr. WILEY addressed the throne of mercy in a very fervent and impressive prayer. After this, Closs joined very audibly in singing a hymn, led by the Rev. Mr. MAFFIT.—The prisoners then appeared to be in conversation with the Clergy, and, we learn, confessed to them that they were guilty of the crime for which they were to suffer;—that Closs struck Haynes three times, and that Clisby cut the pocket from Mr. H's. clothes. After shaking hands with the Sheriff, Clergy, and others, the halters were adjusted to their necks, and caps put on their heads, when it was arranged between the prisoners that Clisby should give the signal, when they were ready to die. When all was prepared, Clisby said to his companion, "I am ready; if you are, the Sheriff is." Closs replied, "I am." The Sheriff instantly cut the trap rope, and they were launched into eternity, dying apparently without any struggle. The weather was raw; and during the time the prisoners were on the stage, they were allowed some refreshment (two or three times).—After hanging the usual time the body of Clisby, we learn, was given to his relatives; and that of Closs, in the adjoining dormitory. The execution of this highest sentence of the law was never performed with more regularity and effect. Clisby, it is said, is a native of New-Hampshire, and close of the State of New-York. On Wednesday the parents, brothers, and sisters of Clisby took a heart-rending leave of their unhappy son and brother. One of his sisters was in an agony bordering on distraction. Both the prisoners, before they committed the crime for which they have suffered, were tenants of the State Prison.

The concourse of spectators was not so large as on many former occasions.—*Continued.*

Wednesday, the 10th day of April next, is appointed for the annual Fast in Vermont.

## MIDDLESEX REGISTER OF DEEDS.

For the Boston Recorder.

We beg leave through your paper to nominate to the office of Register of Deeds for the County of Middlesex, Mr. WILLIAM WHITNEY, of Watertown, son of NATHANIEL R. WHITNEY, Esq. of that place; as to his qualifications—he is a young man of pure habits, good morals, steady and sober in his deportment, of strict integrity, and good education. His claims to the notice of his fellow citizens on this occasion may be urged by his friends with more propriety and zeal, on account of his personal misfortune.—His prospects of good health, industry and active employment in life, have been by an accident wholly destroyed. The duties of the office are well suited to the present state of his health and constitution. No person should be asked for his vote on the ground of charity alone, but this circumstance ought not to be an objection, as every elector may be assured that he will secure the services of a faithful and valuable officer in the election of Mr. Whitney.

## MANY ELECTORS.

Mr. WILLIS.—We perceive from the *Continental* that CALEB BUTLER, Esq. of Groton, is recommended, as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds in Middlesex; we most cheerfully join in the recommendation. Being personally acquainted with Mr. Butler, we know his qualifications for that office, and confidently believe, that he is admirably well suited for it. He is a man of integrity, uprightness, and ability. He is, as a surveyor, acquainted with a large number of the farms in Middlesex. He writes a very fair and legible hand, and is well known for his accuracy and promptness in doing business. Let this candidate be known to the electors, and if he be not voted for by all, he certainly will be by

## County of Middlesex. MAJORITY.

PERSIA.—The Journal of Hamburg, under the head of Vienna, contains several statistical details concerning Persia, of which the following is an extract.—The population of Persia is much diminished by the civil war of 1722, (epoch of the overthrowing of the dynasty Ismaili Sophi) and of 1743, (year of the assassination of the celebrated Nadir Schah.) is computed at twenty millions, spread over fifty-eight provinces. The present sovereign mounted the throne in 1797, his name is Teth Ali Schah, of the family of Cadjar; he is fifty three years old and passes for a good poet; he has sixty fine sons and as many daughters; his third son Abdas Mirza is destined to succeed him on the throne, although the prince Ali Mirza, who finds himself excluded by this choice, is distinguished by great personal qualities. In the peace concluded with Russia the 12th October 1813, the Emperor Alexander engaged for himself and his successors to lend him power, if necessary, to support on the throne, the Prince who is destined to fill it, so that no foreign power shall interfere in the internal concerns of Persia.

The *Ethiopian has changed his skin*—at least, so say the Norfolk editors, who announce that a

remarkable natural curiosity, no less rare than wonderful, is now exhibiting in that town. This object is a man of uncommon intelligence, who was born black, and continued so, until the age of forty-five; since which, he has gradually undergone a change of skin, until three-fourths of him have become perfectly white, his arms and hands have assumed a delicacy & transparency, not surpassed by those of the most tender-bred female. He was raised in Essex County, Virginia, and is the property of a gentleman of large family, who, under more prosperous circumstances than at present attend him, could not be prevailed on to exhibit him as a public spectacle. The advertisement is headed with the 22d verse of the 13th Chap. of Jeremiah: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may also do good that are accustomed to do evil." As the gentleman owner, as he calls himself, is pleased to find that he can answer the question of the prophet affirmatively, we hope the poor Ethiopian will soon find the consequence to follow, viz. that those who are accustomed to do evil to their slaves may learn to do good.—*New-York Spectator.*

WEALTH OF NEW-YORK.—The number of freeholders in New-York State, in 1821, was 259,367.—Acres of improved land, 5,717,494. Neat Cattle, 1,215,049. Horses, 262,623. Sheep, 2,147,351. Yards of fullled cloth, manufactured in the domestic way, in 1820, was 1,958,712. Yards of Flannel and other Woolen Cloths, not fullled, 2,451,107. Yards of Linen, Cotton, or other thin Cloths, 5,635,985. Grist Mills, 2,132; Saw Mills, 4,304; Oil Mills, 439; Fulling Mills, 991; Carding Machines, 1,233; Cotton and Woolen Factories, 144; Iron Works, 107; Trip Hammers, 172; Distilleries, 1,057; Asheries, 1,226.

## SELECT SENTENCES.

"If we represent Christ as only an example to mankind, and not as making atonement by his blood for sin, we do not preach the gospel." VENN.

"When the awful judgments of God are to be denounced, it requires much caution to combine, with manifest hatred of sin, tenderness to the sinner. There is a limit not easily to be found, where respect tends to exasperate rather than to amend; where it ceases to promote reformation, and begins to provoke resistance." VENN.

A CHRISTMAS ANECDOTE.—The following anecdote had used to be related by Mr. R. C. a wholesale mercer of Milk-street, London:—I was apprenticed to a silk manufacturer in Spitalfields, and during my apprenticeship my friends allowed me 3s 6d a week for pocket-money: I got a tin box made with a slit at the top, in which I every Saturday night dropped my extra sixpence; on Christmas eve, I broke open my box, and the following morning sallied forth in search of objects on whom to bestow my bounty, which in that district were tolerable numerous, giving to each family in proportion to their number, and what I considered their deserts, not exceeding half a crown to any, or less than a shilling; and I assure you that when I sat down to my dinner, the reflection that I had given one to many others, was a high relish to my own." An example worthy of imitation by young persons.

SCARE CROW.—A gentleman in England whose grounds were constantly robbed by poachers, procured a man's leg from the hospital, and hung it up with a label requesting the owner to send for it. This plan had the effect to save his grounds from encroachment.

## DEATHS.

In Baltimore, on the 25th of February, Christina Gauker, aged 20 years, a native of Germany. The distressing condition and sufferings of this young woman, and the awful result, ought to be a solemn warning to all match-makers and match-breakers. She was engaged to be married to a young man of Philadelphia, who, for reasons best known to himself, communicated to her, a short time since, his intention of abandoning her. On the receipt of this information she became the child of sorrow and despair for ten days, when reason left its seat, and she became an awfully distressed *Maniac*, unceasingly calling on her lover to "come to her." On the evening preceding her death, she ordered her "wedding garment" to be prepared—that she "wished to be dressed in white," and that she "was to be married at three o'clock," the precise hour of her departure to a world of spirits.—*Baltimore Patriot.*

The number of Deaths in the City of Washington in the year 1821, was 355, viz. Adults 170; Children 185. Of these 33 are reported as of Fever, 9 of Typhus, 5 of Intermittent, and 6 of Bilious fever; 37 of Consumption; 32 of Convulsions, and 10 of Cholera Morbus. The whole number in the first six months of the year was only 84.

At Union, Va. a Son of James Murray 5 years old, by falling into a kettle of boiling tallow.

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